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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 26, 2001

JOINT PETITION OF

CAVALIER TELEPHONE L.L.C., NETWORK ACCESS SOLUTIONS, LLC, COVAD COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, and AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC010096

For Structural Separation of Verizon Virginia Inc. and Verizon South Inc.

ORDER

On April 9, 2001, Cavalier Telephone L.L.C., Network Access Solutions, LLC, Covad Communications Company, and AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. (hereinafter "Petitioners") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a Joint Petition ("Joint Petition") for Structural Separation of Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia") and Verizon South Inc. ("Verizon South"). Petitioners requested the Commission to institute a proceeding to order the structural separation of Verizon Virginia and Verizon South so that each company is separated into two distinct wholesale and retail corporate subsidiaries. On April 12, 2001, the Commission entered an Order for Response requiring Verizon Virginia and Verizon South to respond to the Joint Petition on or before April 27, 2001, and allowing Petitioners to reply to the response on or before May 4, 2001.

On April 18, 2001, The Competitive Telecommunications Association ("CompTel") filed a Petition to Intervene with the Commission requesting permission to file comments and a reply to the Verizon Virginia and Verizon South response.

The Commission is of the opinion and finds that CompTel should be permitted to participate in this matter and have an opportunity to comment and respond as requested.

Accordingly, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- (1) CompTel is granted leave to participate in this proceeding.
- (2) CompTel shall be permitted to file comments and reply to the filed response of Verizon Virginia and Verizon South on or before May 4, 2001.
 - (3) This matter shall be continued until further Order of the Commission.